

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0019] with the following amended paragraph:

[0019] Figure 1 shows a fluidized or spouted bed apparatus according to the invention, which includes at least two processing regions 6 arranged one after the other. The processing region 6 are formed of a known fluidized or spouted bed apparatus, which is formed from an air inlet chamber 8, two gas flow devices 1, the corresponding jet inlet walls 3, jet return flow walls 2, and also the side walls. The jet inlet walls 3 and the jet return flow walls 2 are inclined relative to the vertical such that they form a double cone. In Figure 3, the processing region 6 is represented as a one-sided fluidized or spouted bed apparatus with only one gas flow device 1, one jet inlet wall 3, and one opposite jet return flow wall 2, as well as the corresponding side walls. Here, the jet inlet wall 3 and the jet return flow wall 2 form a simple cone.